

Downtown Development District Re-Election Committee
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To whom it may concern,

A letter was received from the Board of Ethics stating that the Downtown Development District Re-Election Committee has been assessed a late fee for a failure to report the '10 days before election' report.

We apologize for the late report, as we misunderstood the terms of this particular deadline. There were no contributions or purchases within the 10 days before the election, and we initially misunderstood the purpose of this particular report. All reports before and after this one report were all submitted on time.

Although the board shows record of receiving the report 14 days late (based on a October 28 fax,) the report was mailed on October 22nd (8 days) and should have been post marked as such. Unfortunately, the letter was received by the board without post mark much later, and we were assessed for 14 days late rather than 8. We did check on the receipt of the letter with the ethics office periodically, and the late mail was apparently due to the post office being busy at this time. No explanation as to why the letter was received by the Board of Ethics without post mark. The mail person indicated that this does happen occasionally.

We asked that this fee be waived considering the timely submission of all other reports, or that we be assessed as 8 days late based on the true mailing date. Your consideration and faith in our word is much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Gabriel Vicknair